

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Quarterly Training Meeting
Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>
7:00 PM
Police Training Room
(City Hall, East Entrance)
Topic: Meet your Quadrant Lt. and find out about crimes specific to your area. Also Chief of Police,
Stephen M. Chapman.

### **Reminders**

\*Copies of this newsletter are now available for free at the Sandy Police Department. They can be picked up Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM at the Police Information Desk on the East side of Sandy City Hall.

\*If you are interested in receiving daily crime statistics via email, please send your name and email address with reference to receiving the daily crime statistics to <a href="mailto:nvarela@sandy.utah.gov">nvarela@sandy.utah.gov</a>

### Important Contact Information

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Bell Quadrant Coordinator Vacant

<u>Crescent Quadrant Coordinator</u>
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Non-Emergency Dispatch 840-4000

# Neighborhood Watch Monthly Newsletter January 2008

#### **CRIME PREVENTION WORKS**

The simple fact that "CRIME PREVENTION WORKS" is often forgotten in the ongoing debate over crime and its causes. Prevention works when individuals take common-sense actions to protect themselves, their families, and property. It works when these individuals, singly or in groups, reach out to strengthen communities.

CRIME PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME. Go back to the basics: good home security, self protection skills for kids and grown-ups, drug prevention, and Neighborhood Watch. Peoples' homes ideally should offer safety, security, and harmony.

In today's world, violence invades the home through television, newspapers, magazines, radio, and video games. Violence can erupt within the home when family members verbally or physically attack each other or abuse a child or elderly parent. The easy availability of firearms coupled with fear of crime brings more handguns and the potential for more violence in the home. On the positive side, teaching conflict management skills to children and teens offers hope for reducing future violence. Another nontraditional avenue to violence prevention lies in youth community service.

Crime prevention does begin at home, the first community that children know. The sense of security that comes from living in a home that provides physical safety, love, and support empowers the child to explore, learn, and trust. In the home, adults who settle their differences without violence -- without abusive words or actions -- set a powerful example. This foundation also sets the stage for community prevention efforts -- involving young and old, law enforcement, schools, businesses, religious institutions, community organizations, and government agencies -- that have the power to drive crime and fear from our lives.

"We have got to continue to send the message that unless we start investing in crime prevention now, unless we start investing in children and families now, we will never be able to build enough prisons 10 and 15 and 20 years from now for the children we are neglecting now."

Past Attorney General Janet Reno -- October 1994

December '07	Alta		Bell		Crescent		Sandy		Total
Sandy City Offenses	Flat Iron	Canyon	Dimple Dell	Bluff	Auto Mall	South Towne	Jordan	Historic	
Aggravated Assault	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	7
Alcohol Offenses	1	2	1	0	3	6	12	9	34
Animal Problems	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	7	3	1	4	2	3	7	10	37
Death Calls	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	5
Disorderly	0	0	1	0	6	2	6	5	20
Domestics	3	9	3	3	10	6	11	25	70
Drug Offenses	3	2	0	0	3	4	19	12	43
Forgeries & Frauds	2	1	0	1	3	11	7	5	30
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Problems	3	2	0	1	10	2	30	14	62
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Offenses	8	11	4	5	16	11	16	15	86
Protective Orders	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
Sex offenses	2	0	0	1	2	2	5	1	13
Simple Assault	6	6	3	4	10	3	28	17	77
Suspicious Calls	3	3	1	1	2	1	5	2	18
Theft	13	2	0	6	28	39	19	39	146
Threats	0	1	1	1	3	0	5	1	12
Traffic Crashes	17	14	11	12	41	32	96	58	281
Trespassing	1	0	2	0	1	2	5	3	14
Vehicle Burglary	8	6	1	6	11	4	10	18	64
Vehicle Theft	2	2	0	2	4	2	9	8	29
Warrant Service	1	4	0	0	2	5	15	13	40
Weapons Offense	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	86	70	30	47	158	137	311	262	1,101

## 10 THINGS KIDS CAN DO TO STOP VIOLENCE

- 1. Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. Do not stand around and form an audience.
- 2. Learn safe routes for walking in the neighborhood, and know good places to seek help. Trust feelings, and if there is a sense of danger, get away fast.
- 3. Report any crimes or suspicious actions to the police, school authorities, and parents. Be willing to testify if needed.
- 4. Don't open the door to anyone you and your parents don't know and trust.
- 5. Never go anywhere with someone you and your parents don't know and trust.
- 6. If someone tries to abuse you, say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult. Remember it's not your fault.
- 7. Don't abuse alcohol or other drugs, and stay away from places and people associated with them.
- 8. Stick with friends who are also against violence and drugs, and stay away from known trouble spots.
- 9. Get involved to make school safer and better -- having poster contests against violence, holding anti-drug rallies, counseling peers, or settling disputes peacefully -- are just a few ideas. If there is no program, help start one.
- 10. Help younger children learn to avoid being crime victims. Set a good example and volunteer to help with community efforts to stop crime.